

# Assessment Specifications

## General information

<b>Domain</b>	English Written Language
<b>Level</b>	1
<b>Mode of Assessment</b>	Written Examination
<b>For Year</b>	2011 (updated March 2011)
<b>Standards</b>	90849, 90850, 90851

## Format of the assessment

Titles, instructions and questions will be in English. All answers are to be written in English.

## Specific information for individual external achievement standards

<b>Standard</b>	90849
<b>Title</b>	Show understanding of specific aspect(s) of studied written text(s), using supporting evidence
<b>Version</b>	1
<b>Number of Credits</b>	4

## Format of the assessment

Candidates will write one essay of at least 200 words on at least one written text that they have studied.

## Special notes

In previous years, candidates were required to write about TWO short texts (poetry, short story, etc). In 2011, candidates can write about ONE short text in depth. They can refer to more than one text if they choose.

**Standard** 90850

**Title** Show understanding of specific aspect(s) of studied visual or oral text(s), using supporting evidence

**Version** 1

**Number of Credits** 4

**Format of the assessment**

Candidates will write one essay of at least 200 words on at least one visual or oral text that they have studied.

**Special notes**

In previous years, candidates were asked to support their ideas with reference to ‘verbal and/or visual features’. In 2011, the terminology will change to ‘visual and/or oral language features’. The visual and oral language features suggested in Explanatory Note 2 of the standard will be reproduced in the examination in the following format, for reference:

**Visual/oral language features could include:**

Camerawork/ cinematography	Special effects	Editing
Dialogue	Rhetorical devices	Ambient sound/silence
Structure	Imagery	Narration/voiceover
Props	Sound effects	Costume
Music	Body language	Use of voice
Colour	Lighting	Composition
Illustration	Design	Font

**Standard** 90851

**Title** Show understanding of significant aspects of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading, using supporting evidence

**Version** 1

**Number of Credits** 4

**Format of the assessment**

The paper will consist of THREE short-answer questions based upon written language.

- There will be three written texts: one fiction, one non-fiction, and one poem.
- There will be ONE question on each text.
- Each question will be scaffolded in THREE parts.
- For parts of questions requiring more detailed response, candidates will be provided with starting points that they may use for their answer.

All questions will provide the opportunity for Achievement, Achievement with Merit, and Achievement with Excellence.

**Resources supplied**

The texts will be provided in a separate resource booklet.